

RECREATION OPPORTUNITY GUIDE

Olympic National Forest

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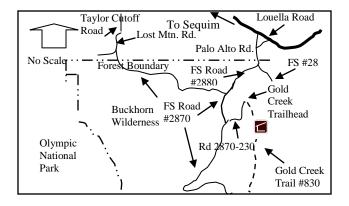


Recommended Season SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER

Gold Creek Trail #830

Hood Canal Ranger District – Quilcene Office 295142 Highway 101 S. P.O. Box 280 Quilcene, WA 98376 (360) 765-2200

ACCESS: East of Sequim, turn south off of US Highway 101 onto Palo Alto Road and follow for 5 miles to Road #2880 (¼ mile beyond the 28 Road). Turn right onto FS #2880, (steep road, not recommended for trailers) go 2 miles, stay to the left onto FS Road #2870, go 2.4 miles, turn left onto FS Road #2870-230 and drive 1.6 miles to trailhead.



TRAILER ACCESS: Turn south 2.5 miles west of Sequim onto **Taylor Cutoff Road**, go 2.7 miles to Lost Mountain Road, proceed 2.5 miles, turn left onto FS Road #2870. Follow FS Road #2870 for 9.5 miles to the 2870-230 spur, turn left and travel 1.6 miles to the trailhead

FACILITIES: Parking area shared with Lower Dungeness Trail #833.3. Gold Creek Trail is on the north side of the parking area. Nearest toilet is at Dungeness Forks Campground.

SETTING: Conifer forest on steep, mountain slopes in the Dungeness drainage. Nice view of Dungeness River near trailhead.

TRAIL INFORMATION: Trail is 6.2 miles in length and has some steep grades with sections exceeding 20%.

| Destination | Miles | Elev. |
|----------------------|-------|--------|
| Trailhead | 0.0 | 1,000' |
| Gold Creek Shelter | 0.6 | 1,100' |
| FS Road #2870 and | 6.2 | 3,300' |
| Tubal Cain Trailhead | | |

OPPORTUNITIES: Hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, viewing scenery, and backpacking. Please use existing campsites when possible and camp at least 100 feet from water sources. Motorbikes, mountain bikes, pack and saddle stock are permitted with need to ford at Gold Creek. The trail is heavily wooded with viewpoints. Pick-up can be made on FS Road #2870 opposite the Tubal Cain Trailhead. Pack and saddle stock, "street-legal" motorbike, and mountain bike users may want to make a long loop trip by traveling up the trail and returning on FS Road #2870. Water is scarce. Treat all water taken from streams before drinking. Please pack out what you pack in.

Practice LEAVE NO TRACE techniques during your trip.

CLOSURES: None.

TOPO MAPS: Buckhorn Wilderness Custom Correct Map or Tyler Peak USGS Quad.

PASS NOT REQUIRED: A Recreation Pass is not required at this trailhead.